

Winter Fox and Coyote Non-lethal Snaring

Non-lethal snares may be used from Jan. 1 through March 1 to take fox and coyotes, provided:

- ❑ Snares are not placed on publicly owned land or commercial forest lands (page 31).
- ❑ All snares in possession or carried afield must have a metallic identification tag attached which is affixed with the owner's or user's name and address or Michigan Driver License number.
- ❑ Steel cable 1/16-inch or larger is used.
- ❑ The snare loop does not exceed 15 inches in diameter.
- ❑ The top of the snare loop is not placed more than 24 inches above the ground. (In snow, 24 inches is measured from the compacted snow in a trapper's footprint established by the full body weight of the trapper.)
- ❑ Snares must be equipped with a relaxing lock. A relaxing lock is defined as a snare lock that allows the snare loop to loosen slightly to reduce the possibility of strangulation. Snares also must be equipped with a stop to prevent the loop from closing to a diameter less than 4¼ inches. Regulations on snare loop size and relaxing lock are designed to prevent the accidental loss of domestic animals and other nontarget species.
- ❑ Snares are equipped with a breakaway locking system with a breaking point not greater than 285 lbs. The breakaway device must be attached to the relaxing lock.
- ❑ Snares are affixed to a stake or object sufficient to hold a fox or coyote. (It is illegal to use any type of drag.)
- ❑ Snares are equipped with two swivels, including one swivel at the anchor point.
- ❑ Spring poles, counterbalanced weights, springs or other similar devices are not used to close the snare.
- ❑ Snares may be up to 60 inches in length, not including a cable anchor extension. The cable anchor extension may be up to 36 inches in length.
- ❑ Snares are not attached to a fence or set in a manner that would allow an animal to become entangled in a fence.
- ❑ Snares may be anchored to woody vegetation provided that the stem is free of branches and stubs to a height of five feet above the ground or compacted snow. Branches and stubs must be cut flush with the outer bark of the stem.
- ❑ Snares may not be set in a manner that would allow a snared animal to be suspended with two or more feet off the ground.

Note: Dogs and other domestic animals caught in snares, body-gripping or conibear type traps should be reported to the DNR Report All Poaching hotline at: 800-292-7800. Information on safely removing dogs from traps may be found on the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr under Trapping and Fur Harvesting.

Furbearer Registration

A person taking a bobcat, fisher, marten, otter, or incidental catches must present the animal at a DNR office for registration. Furtakers must register their own take. It is unlawful to register the take of another person. Operations Service Centers will be and other DNR offices may be open during normal business hours. Hunters and trappers are strongly encouraged to call ahead to determine availability of DNR personnel or to make arrangements to register animals outside normal working hours on an appointment basis. The DNR will attach an official seal to the pelt of each animal. Depending on the species, an undamaged canine tooth or skull will be collected to determine the sex, age and physical condition of the specimen. The location of take, date of harvest and manner of harvest will be recorded when the animal is sealed.

Seals may be removed by a licensed taxidermist upon acceptance and recording of the specimen. Otherwise, seals shall not be removed until the pelt is processed or tanned, nor shall a person possess or transport a raw, unsealed hide after the required registration date for each animal. A person may not buy or sell a bobcat, fisher, marten, or otter pelt without a DNR seal unless the pelt has been processed or tanned.

Unfrozen carcasses are preferred for sealing. However, if it is necessary to submit a frozen carcass, it must be properly prepared to ensure employees can seal the pelt and remove the front tooth row. To prepare a carcass for sealing:

- ❑ Create a small hole and insert a Popsicle stick, pencil or similar object between the lower eyelid and the eye so the stick exits behind the upper lip.
- ❑ Cut and skin back the lower lip to the back of the jawbone.
- ❑ Freeze the carcass with the mouth open and the hind legs separated to allow for easy removal of the front tooth row and determination of sex.

Species	What is required for registration?	What will be kept from each specimen?	When must I register?
Bobcat	The skull or an undamaged canine tooth, and pelt for sealing.	The skull or canine tooth.	Bobcat: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BCMU D hunting on or before Feb. 11, 2008• All other bobcat units on or before March 11, 2008 Fisher and Marten: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• on or before Dec. 20, 2007 Otter: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• on or before May 5, 2008
Fisher	The skull and pelt for sealing.	The skull.	
Marten	The skull and pelt for sealing.	The skull or canine tooth.	
Otter	The pelt for sealing.	No parts retained by DNR	
Incidental catches*	The entire carcass and pelt.	The entire carcass and pelt.	See page 39 for details.

*Includes wolves, lynx, and over-harvest of badger, bobcat, fisher, marten and otter.

Hunter Education Promotes Our Wildlife Heritage

Michigan has a long, rich tradition of hunting. In Michigan, hunting contributes to wildlife management and conservation, provides a positive family experience and increased recreational opportunity, and is good for the economy.

Safe hunting begins with hunter education, and Michigan's hunter education program has had a dramatic impact on reducing hunting incidents in our state. According to the International Hunter Education Association, young hunters, when accompanied by responsible adults or mentors, who have been a part of the youngster's education, are some of the safest individuals afield.

Hunter education courses teach new hunters responsibility, ethics, firearm safety, wildlife conservation and wildlife identification, game care, survival and first aid. In addition to safety, hunter education courses stress ethics, and the instructors work diligently to plant the seeds of sportsmanship in each student. Most courses are offered year-round throughout the state though the majority occurs during August, September and October. The typical course consists of two sessions with a total class time of 10 to 12 hours.

Students also can use the Internet to complete a part of their hunter education course. The online course can be found on the DNR's hunter education Web page at www.michigan.gov.dnr.

The DNR is striving to recruit the most-qualified instructors available and provide them with the best materials and training necessary to conduct hunter education courses throughout the state. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer instructor, please write to: Hunter Education Program, Law Enforcement Division, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 30031, Lansing, MI 48909, or call 517-335-3418. You also can visit our hunter education page listed under "Education and Outreach" on the DNR Web site.

If our young people can learn to be responsible hunters, negative public attitudes toward hunting that grew from past mistakes may change and private lands now open to hunting may remain open. It is the careful and courteous hunter who is helping preserve our hunting heritage for future generations.

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The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is asking for your help

Michigan's deer hunters can now make a donation to support the effort to provide processed wild game meat to local families in need by making a cash donation when they purchase their 2007 deer hunting license. Please help in this important effort. Tell the license agent you wish to make a donation. Your generosity can make a difference. Thank you.

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Purchase a Wildlife Habitat License Plate. With each plate sale, \$25 is directed into the Nongame Wildlife Fund. Visit the Secretary of State Web site for more details at www.michigan.gov/sos

Donate to the Nongame Wildlife Fund. This fund supports the management of Michigan's nongame and endangered wildlife and their habitats.



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Thank you for purchasing a 2007 Michigan hunting or fur harvester license

Michigan is among the top states in the nation in almost every hunting category with more than 800,000 licensed hunters contributing \$2 billion annually to our economy.

The mission of the DNR Wildlife Division is to enhance, restore and conserve the state's wildlife resources, natural communities, and ecosystems for the benefit of Michigan's citizens, visitors and future generations.

Your purchase of a hunting or fur harvester license supports the work of department employees who manage and protect Michigan's wildlife habitat. We encourage you to keep hunting and trapping, and to share your experience with others. In doing so, you can do your part to keep our state's wildlife heritage alive for future generations.

Need information?

The Operations Service Centers listed below are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Or visit our Web site at: www.michigan.gov/dnr
RAP (Report All Poaching) 800-292-7800

Baraga

427 US-41 North
Baraga, MI 49908
906-353-6651

Bay City

503 N. Euclid Ave., Suite 1
Bay City, MI 48706
989-684-9141

Cadillac

8015 Mackinaw Trail
Cadillac, MI 49601
231-775-9727

Gaylord

1732 W. M-32
Gaylord, MI 49735
989-732-3541

Southfield

26000 W. Eight Mile Rd.
Southfield, MI 48034
248-359-9040

Marquette

1990 US-41 South
Marquette, MI 49855
906-228-6561

Newberry

5100 M-123
Newberry, MI 49868
906-293-5131

Plainwell

621 N. 10th St.
Plainwell, MI 49080
269-685-6851

Roscommon

I-75 & M-18 South,
8717 N. Roscommon Rd.
Roscommon, MI 48653
989-275-5151

Rose Lake*

8562 E. Stoll Rd.
East Lansing, MI 48823
517-641-4903

*This is a field office

NOTICE: This brochure is not a legal notice or a complete collection of hunting regulations and laws. It is a condensed guide issued for hunters' convenience. Copies of wildlife conservation orders can be obtained from our Web site, www.michigan.gov/dnr.

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached almost \$150 million.